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| <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of the Special Town Meeting November 15, 2021</p> |
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Moderator Chip Guercio opened the Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. at the Ayer Shirley Middle School Gymnasium, 1 Hospital Road. This year's Special Town Meeting was held in the Gymnasium instead of the Auditorium as in previous years due to the COVID 19 concerns. One hundred (100) fold up chairs were placed 6 feet apart in all directions on the gym floor to provide adequate social distancing. Nine (9) "non-voter" seats were available in the front of the gym as well. Masks were highly recommended but not mandated by law. Microphones were available to the moderator, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. One standup microphone was available to voters in the center aisle with sanitizer available next to the microphone for those concerned. Voter cards were not used due to COVID 19 concerns and all votes were either hand counted by tellers or by raising of the hand by the voters.

The Town Clerk confirmed the Town Meeting was properly posted. Mike Detillion led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk had sworn the following people to serve as tellers/counters: James Thibault, Beth Quinty, Ted Landry and Mike Detillion. Judy Stanislaw and Nancy Landry checked voters into the meeting from the Cafeteria. Kathie Bradley greeted voters as they arrived in the gym and directed them to their socially distanced seats. Fifty three (53) voters in total checked in.

Tim Zessin, Town Counsel from Kopelman and Paige, was in attendance and seated on the "stage" along with the Town Administrator Mike McGovern, three (3) members of the Board of Selectmen, one (1) member of the Finance Committee and Town Clerk Bill Oelfke.

Copies of the warrant were put on the Town's website, properly posted by the constable, and were available at the check-in area for attendees to bring into the meeting to refer to.

Article 1: Part Time Social Service Coordinator

Debra Flagg moved, seconded by Bryan Sawyer, that the Town amend the budget approved under the Motion for Article 4 of the May 10, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, by transferring \$8,000 from American Rescue Plan Act receipts to increase Line 2022-01 (Town Administrator) of the budget for the purpose of hiring a Social Service Coordinator.

Hand Count Vote: Moderator Declared Passed by Majority.

Article 2: Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Change Board of Selectmen to Select Board

Debra Flagg moved, seconded by Bryan Sawyer, that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as printed under Article 2 in the Warrant. Article 2 in the Warrant stated “To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town by deleting, in each instance in which they appear, all references to “Board of Selectmen,” “Selectmen” and “Selectman” and inserting in their place the words, “Select Board” or “Select Board member” or “Select Board members”, as appropriate, and further to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and numerical issues in related text are revised to properly reflect such change in title; or take any other action relative thereto.”

Hand Count Vote: Moderator Requested Tellers to count voters since this a 2/3rd vote. Yes 46; No 3; Moderator Declared Passed by 2/3rd.

Article 3: Office of the Treasurer/Collector Demand Fee

Debra Flagg moved, seconded by Bryan Sawyer, that the Town vote to approve Article 3 as printed in the warrant. Article 3 stated “To see if the Town will vote to increase the demand fee for delinquent real estate, personal property and motor vehicle bills from \$15.00 to \$20.00, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, Section 15(2), which authorizes such fees for each written demand provided for by law, so long as the fee does not exceed \$30.00; or take any other action relative thereto.”

Hand Count Vote: Moderator Declared Passed by Majority.

Article 4: Roadway and Street Names Bylaw Amendment

Debra Flagg moved, seconded by Bryan Sawyer, that the Town vote to amend Article XXIX of the General Town Bylaw as printed under Article 4 in the warrant. Article 4 in the warrant stated “To see if the Town will vote to amend General Town Bylaw - Article XXIX - Roadway and Street Names, as on file and available for viewing in the office of the Town Clerk, to delete Section 5, which stipulates that the list of qualified veterans must be exhausted before other individuals are considered, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial revisions to renumber the remaining sections accordingly; or take any other action relative thereto. “

After some brief discussion explaining the current bylaw and the amendment requested, the vote was made.

Hand Count Vote: Moderator Declared Passed by Majority.

Article 5: PEG Access Receipt Reserved for Appropriation

Debra Flagg moved, seconded by Bryan Sawyer, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$28,110.90 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for FY22 cable-related expenses.

Hand Count Vote: Moderator Declared Passed by Majority.

Motion made by Debra Flagg, seconded by Bryan Sawyer, to dissolve Special Town Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Hand Count Vote: Moderator declared Passed by Majority.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Oelfke
Shirley Town Clerk